

House Resolution No. 2196

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made him a source of inspiration to all those around him; and

Whereas, Dr. Rance Thomas has been chosen as a recipient of the 2007 Community Development Award, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon him by North County Incorporated on May 4, 2007, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Dr. Rance Thomas has distinguished himself as co-founder and President of North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice, an organization that consists of twenty churches of various denominations that promote racial understanding and harmony within North County; and

Whereas, a longtime Board member of North County Incorporated, where he has served as Vice President and Chair of the Healthcare Task Force, Dr. Thomas is a former member of SSM DePaul Health Care Advisory Board, attends Christian Hospital's Community Leader meetings, and is on the St. Louis Regional Health Commission's Task Force on Health Literacy; and

Whereas, Dr. Thomas has also enjoyed recognition by serving on the Trinity Catholic High School Advisory Board and on Council to close the education gap between the races for both the Ferguson-Florissant School District and the Hazelwood School District; serving as a racial profiling consultant to the Florissant Police Department; being the founder and President of the National Minority Caucus in Higher Education to the National Council of Higher Education, of which he is President Emeritus; and by serving as a Professor Emeritus of Sociology/Criminal Justice at Lewis and Clark Community College:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dr. Rance Thomas for his selection to receive the 2007 Community Development Award and in further wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Rance Thomas.

Offered by _____

Representative Michael Spreng
District No. 76

Representative Tony George
District No. 74

Representative Bruce Darrough
District No. 75

Representative Clint Zweifel
District No. 78

Representative Gina Walsh
District No. 69

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2196, adopted April 17, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker